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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know my opinion on the Microsoft Settlement. I feel that they have, with forethought and intent, stifled competition and reduced consumer choice. Many of the avenues they have chosen would be legal for a company that was not a monopoly, but that is not the case here. I also feel that they will continue to do things like this, and will use new 'innovations' (such as the X-Box and .NET) to further corner the market. As Microsoft has shown that they are unwilling and/or unable to police their own practices, the only remedies that will actually prevent further abuses are either division of the company or installation of some sort of oversite panel.

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